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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: Fadi H. Dahbour

Application No.: 09/726,953

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For: **LASIK LAMINAR FLOW  
SYSTEM**

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.115**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231-9998

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2002, please amend the above-entitled application as follows.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1, 8 and 12 as follows.

1. (Amended) A system used to perform an ophthalmic procedure on a cornea of a patient, comprising:

a patient support that can support the patient;

a light source that can direct a light beam onto the cornea of the patient; and,

an air flow module that can direct a flow of air above the cornea of the patient.

8. (Amended) A system used to perform an ophthalmic procedure on a cornea of a patient, comprising:

a patient support that can support the patient;

a laser that can direct a light beam onto the cornea of the patient;